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Marginal Column
By SHY LAQUER

AT present the outstanding feature of Soviet domestic politics is its frequent change, and all appears to be in a state of flux. Yesterday's tendency was away from Stalinism. Today's main trend is "Return to Stalinism," as symbolized by the replacement of ex-Socialist, Max Fechner as Minister of Justice in Eastern Germany by Hilke Benjamin, a fanatical Stalinist. Nobody knows what tomorrow's constellation in the Politburo will be and which faction will emerge victorious.

There appears to be something in the accusation that Beria tried to restore to power the "nationalist elements" in the non-Russian republics. Several public shows that the present rulers prefer the Stalinist line of Great Russian nationalism. But there was at least one article in "Izvestia" (by a high official from Western Ukraine) one week after Beria's arrest favouring more local autonomy, and this makes it appear as if there were no differences of opinion on principle on that account. It is likely of course that the Russians are tired of the Georgians in the Politburo by whom they had been bossed since 1925. It is a well-known fact that the highest echelons of the MVD and the MGB had, since the late thirties, become a Georgian domain. Of the 12 high officials who represented the Soviet Police in the Party's Central Committee, as elected by the 18th conference, more than half were Georgians: Beria, Gribanov, Gerasimov, Beria, Gribanov, Gerasimov, Beria, Gribanov, Gerasimov, Beria, Gribanov, Gerasimov.

More interesting is the fact that the Army High Command which has not become an important political factor in Soviet politics is exclusively Great Russian. It will be remembered that these high officers were among the victims of the Jewish physicians last January. This means, of course, that these officers had agreed to collaborate with the Gestapo during the last war. It is not clear whether this affair is a minor point. More interesting is the fact that the Army High Command which has not become an important political factor in Soviet politics is exclusively Great Russian. It will be remembered that these high officers were among the victims of the Jewish physicians last January. This means, of course, that these officers had agreed to collaborate with the Gestapo during the last war. It is not clear whether this affair is a minor point.

Training Group Of Israel Army Repels Jordanian Attack

Israel soldiers training in the Beit Govria area drove off a Jordanian unit which penetrated into the area on Friday night, the Army spokesman announced last night in Tel Aviv. The Jordanians retired after a brief exchange of fire that lasted for some time.

A strong protest has been lodged with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, the spokesman said.

A watchman was murdered and his rifle stolen when a gang of Arab infiltrators opened intense automatic fire on him and his companion at 2.30 a.m. on Friday at Bayit Vegan, west of Jerusalem, the spokesman said. The second watchman, who returned the fire, was uninjured.

The spokesman noted that the attack was carried out along lines similar to those used a week ago when two Israeli soldiers were killed in the Judean hills. It is clear, the spokesman said, that this act was committed by an organized Jordanian gang which had undergone vigorous military training aimed at preparing its activities for one purpose—murder and sabotage.

His reports that the murdered watchman, Shimon Feid, 54, was killed at the observation post on the roof of a hut used to store building supplies. The second man, who was in the hut when the shooting began, said that he looked through the window and saw the gang fleeing across an open field.

He opened fire on them to which they replied while escaping.

After the attack had died down, he found Feid's body on the roof. Police, who were summoned immediately, began an investigation, using bloodhounds. Feid, a newcomer from Rumaniya, who lives in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem, leaves a widow and two children.

Robertson Cairo-Bound As Talks Reopen Soon

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—General Sir Brian Robertson, joint leader of the British Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Suez Canal base, is returning to Cairo tomorrow in readiness for a possible resumption of the talks.

State of Emergency As Lebanon Votes

Lebanese President Camille Chamoun yesterday proclaimed a state of emergency in the Bika's province where, as in Southern Lebanon, the second stage of the general elections are to be held today.

The Army has been given full powers to deal with the situation arising from the deaths of five persons in clashes between supporters of Sheikh Achmed el Assad and his electoral opponents.

The first stage of the elections was held last Sunday with the return of 22 members for Beirut and the Mount Cedar region. Next Sunday, voting will take place in the Northern district.

Ubricht Will Not Talk With US 'Handmaids'

BERLIN, Saturday.—Walter Ubricht, Secretary-General of the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party (S.E.D.), said last night that the East German Government would never negotiate with those who were the handmaids of American business interests.

Ubricht was speaking to a meeting of coke workers in Kottbus. "The S.E.D. will do anything to improve the living conditions of the workers. But we will never negotiate with those who, as handmaids of American business interests, wish only to upset the peaceful reconstruction in our land and wage a fight against its Government," he said.

Calcutta Rioters Barricade Streets

CALCUTTA, Saturday (UP).—Anti-Government demonstrators seized control of parts of South Calcutta early today, barricaded streets and attacked police and streetcar depots with bombs, acid bulbs and bricks.

Mobs have been rioting here for several days in protest against an increase in tram fares. Trouble started when police cordoned off parks, broke up protest meetings and fired tear gas at the demonstrators.

The Police fired several rounds today to disperse mobs and all traffic was withdrawn from the darkened and deserted streets before dawn after the demonstrators and built roadblocks. Police were under orders to shoot anyone found putting up barricades.

E. Europe Inrest Menaces Position of USSR—Dulles

Socialist Int'l Calls For Early Big 4 Talks

STOCKHOLM, Saturday (Reuter).—The Congress of the Socialist International today welcomed the proposed four-power conference, but believed it should be held earlier than suggested, and should take into account the interests of the peoples concerned.

A resolution passed by the Congress said, "Peace, which has been threatened primarily by Soviet expansionism, can only be brought about by tenaciously conducted negotiations."

It listed objectives which it called on all Socialists to achieve. These were:

- Peace in Korea.
- Peace in Indo-China.
- Renunciation of Germany on the basis of free all-German elections.
- Conclusion of the Austrian peace treaty.
- Withdrawal of Soviet military forces from Eastern Europe.
- Peace in the Middle East on the basis of respect for the integrity of the Middle Eastern States with a view to constructive cooperation between them.

Says Free World Getting Stronger

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declared last night that the "mounting resentment" of people in countries dominated by the Soviet Union was a threat to world peace and to Moscow itself.

In a broadcast report he said the three Western Foreign Ministers who met in Washington this week had expressed their desire to see true liberty restored in the countries of Eastern Europe. He mentioned the purge of Lavrentia Beria, No. 2 in the Soviet hierarchy until his dismissal, and added that it was impossible to predict what may now happen in Russia. What could be said with confidence was that the free world was getting stronger, while strains and stresses rocked the Soviet world.

Departing from a prepared text, Mr. Dulles said, "The No. 2 man of the triumvirate which was supposedly to govern Russia, and who was head of the secret police, is today languishing—if not dead—a victim of his own system of terror."

The Secretary of State stressed that the three Foreign Ministers had agreed that the conditions they sought would safeguard the peace for every nation, including the Soviet Union, whose Foreign Minister was invited to join the three Western Ministers in a conference to settle differences—probably in September. If the Soviet rulers really want peace they will cooperate with and not obstruct what we propose for Europe and Asia," he said.

Senate Body Blasts Allied China Trade

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP).—Senate shipping investigators said today that shipping by U.S. Allies to Communist China was "12 times greater" during the first three months of 1953 than in the same period in 1952.

They said that the total trade by Allies with the Chinese Communists has amounted to \$2,000,000 since the Communists started in the third year of the war despite U.S. policy to discourage it.

The charges were contained in a 57-page report by the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee on its investigation of free world trade with China. Chairman Joseph McCarthy stated that all four Republican members signed the report. The three Democrats who resigned last week did not sign it.

The Subcommittee leveled its severest criticism at the British and British-owned firms in Hong Kong. It also said that "Western Germany's trade with Communist China for the first four months of this year has reached record heights."

TERROR SUSPECT BREAKS JAIL

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Shimon Bechar, 29, second on the list of those facing a Military Court in Sarafand, escaped from the Beit Dagon police station early yesterday morning. His position on the list indicates that in the State's view he is second in significance among the 15 tried.

He is one of the five charged with being active in the terrorist organization in addition to being one of its members.

The police said that Bechar had fled through the back of his solitary detention cell in the former Tegar Fort situated near the cross-roads of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, and the road to the South, using oil to deaden the noise of his operations. He was last seen Thursday night, when he was tried for the first time. His absence was first noticed at about 4.30 Friday morning. Until Thursday, Bechar was reportedly held with two other accused, but having created some disturbance he was transferred to solitary confinement.

The police are revealing few details about the case, merely stating that a thorough investigation of the circumstances is in progress.

U.S. Backs Defence Before Defence Needs

GENEVA, Saturday (AP).—John C. Baker, American delegate to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, told the Council today that his country would not give priority to defence needs over the economic expansion of underdeveloped countries.

Mr. Baker said that there had been some genuine and "deliberate" misunderstanding of the American position.

He welcomed the announcement of the Soviet Union and Poland that they would contribute to the U.N. Technical Assistance programme.

Peace in Indo-China

The resolution stated that peace in Korea entailed the re-formation of the Government to settle the peaceful establishment of a free regime throughout Korea and the admission of the Peking Government to the U.N. after an armistice.

Peace in Indo-China should be achieved by negotiations conducted by France and the Associated States, which should be free and independent.

The resolution also appealed to peace-loving democrats to urge their Governments to step up their defence efforts for collective security until international agreement on controlled disarmament had been reached.

A reception for the Israel delegates to the Congress gave rise to a lively discussion on the future of Zionism and Israel-Diaspora relations.

The Israel Minister here Dr. Avraham Nissan, introduced the delegates who were received by the Swedish Zionist Federation.

CHINESE LAUNCH NEW DRIVE

SEOUL, Saturday.—More than 3,000 Chinese infantrymen attacked early today against the western flank of South Korean forces, battling to drive the Communists out of the central front bulge.

Fighting raged at both ends of the 70-square mile area lost to the Chinese offensive last week. South Koreans in the east gained more than two miles. The Chinese assault today was their biggest since South Koreans struck back three days ago in the strongest allied push in two years.

Two battalions hit a South Korean front position a few minutes before midnight. Another battalion struck just to the east. Other units hit Republic of Korea spearheads on a high hill near the western anchor of the bulge.

One important hill about two miles west of the Kumsong River fell to the Communists blow. Dispatches said South Korean defenders on the hill withdrew under overwhelming pressure.

At the Communist request, the truce meeting at Panmunjom, which had been expected to show whether the war will end soon, was postponed until tomorrow for "administrative reasons."

The New China (Communist) News Agency's Kaesong correspondent stated today that the truce talks had been prolonged because the Americans had failed to provide concrete assurances that President Rhee and his South Korean Army would comply strictly with the armistice agreement. (UP, Reuter)

Fugitive Will Be Tried in Absentia

By VICTOR SEGEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SARAFAND, Saturday.—Shimon Bechar's escape from prison does not exclude him from the trial of the 15 members of the alleged terrorist organization, the Military Court ruled yesterday. The Court's decision followed an announcement by Mr. U. Gorney, prosecuting, of the escape and the subsequent request for a ruling by Span-Aluf Ozer Adar who defends Bechar together with the six others who reject the authority of the Court.

Span-Aluf Hailevi, President of the Court, said that since Bechar had been excused from attending the session, and his absence, his escape introduced no change.

The public gallery of the Court was almost empty yesterday as were the chairs behind the prosecuting Attorneys, reserved for high ranking police officers, who were busy investigating Bechar's escape.

Almost 300 exhibits, mainly documents, were piled up on the Judges' huge desk as the prosecution continued placing police officers on the stand trying to piece together into a comprehensive story its involved case against the accused.

The documents contain secret military information, various illegal military passes, as well as political propaganda literature which is not being read in open Court. Judge Adar-Mishne has expressed willingness to be tried in absentia, his escape introduced no change.

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RENEWAL OF RELATIONS WITH USSR UNCONFIRMED

The Foreign Ministry last night was unable to confirm reports originating in Vienna that negotiations had taken place leading to the resumption of diplomatic relations between Russia and Israel in the very near future.

The Associated Press reported from Vienna yesterday quoting a "best authority" that such negotiations had been held recently in a Soviet-bloc country and that the "supposed date for the restoration was July 30."

Soviet Far Eastern Communists Said Persecuted for Criticism

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—Persecution and oppression of Communist Party members in the Vladivostok area have been reported by the provincial Party Secretary, Mr. Melnik, according to Vladivostok Radio.

This applied to members who had criticized the local Party machinery engaged in "self-criticism," he told a meeting of the Maritime Province and Vladivostok committees of the Communist Party.

In a long speech criticizing local party organizations, industry and agriculture, Mr. Melnik said that lessons should be drawn from the Beria case. Party committee members were failing to turn up at meetings, he added.

Fall Short of Targets

There were many industrial enterprises which failed year after year to cope with the State plan, and 27 plants in Vladivostok had failed to reach their production targets, he stated.

The main reason for these failures were "low labour productivity, poor use of machines and equipment in organization."

In agriculture there were great shortcomings in supervision, Mr. Melnik added. Collective and State farms failed to carry out the sowing and ploughing plan. Harvest and grain storage plans in a number of districts were inadequate.

He criticized the lack of effort on any farm in the Budyonny, Kirovsk and Khanka districts to stop violation of the collective farm code, theft of farm property, low labour discipline or poor work.

Highest temperature were recorded inland, in the Negev and in the hill regions. The record heat is due to an "unseasonal" shower, the announcement said, adding that this was caused by a body of warm air stagnating over the whole of the Middle East.

In Jerusalem, the temperature reached 24 degrees and the humidity reaching 33 at 3 p.m. In Tel Aviv, the relative humidity soared to 85 with the thermometer hovering at about 28 degrees. Haifa Port sweltered in 21 degrees, with the humidity at 72.

Kibbutz Kfar Menahem in the northern Negev chose the hottest day this summer to open its new swimming pool, the hot heat is due to an "unseasonal" shower, the announcement said, adding that this was caused by a body of warm air stagnating over the whole of the Middle East.

Large numbers of sweltering visitors dived into the pool with whom of joy. The pool holds 1,500 cu ft of water which also can be used for irrigation.

French Paratroops Blow Up Vietminh Arms Dump

SAIGON, Saturday (Reuter).—French paratroops who dropped on a Vietminh base 24 kms. south of the Chinese border yesterday, destroyed a vast munitions dump including 1,000 machine-guns, official French sources said today.

The French High Command today described the airborne raid as a "complete success." Early reports stated that only one French soldier was killed. Several wounded were evacuated by helicopter to Hanoi.

The French troops also destroyed 60 truck engines and 20,000 litres of petrol.

They left the town last night, and began the 100-km trek back through mountainous enemy-held country.

This operation, the first big French operation behind Vietminh lines in Indo-China since 1951, is expected to have a lasting effect throughout the French Command here, which, during the past year, has become convinced of inactivity and a policy of static defence.

AUSTRALIAN RAID ON COMMUNISTS

SYDNEY, Saturday (Reuter).—Australian investigation officers raided Communist offices and homes here yesterday seeking documents reported to have been secreted in attacking Queen Elizabeth.

The raids also sought evidence of alleged conspiracy in encouraging widespread strikes.

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House Body Cuts \$1,100m. More From U.S. Foreign Aid Programme
WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP).—The House Appropriations Committee today approved a \$1,100m. cut in President Eisenhower's foreign aid programme. The Committee upheld a subcommittee action slicing \$705,244,777 from the President's request for \$1,100m. cut in President Eisenhower's foreign aid programme. The Committee upheld a subcommittee action slicing \$705,244,777 from the President's request for \$1,100m. cut in President Eisenhower's foreign aid programme.

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time the almost visionary

target of a thousand million

dollars to be raised in three

years: half of the sum to be

derived from Israel Bonds sold

in the United States, and the

other half to be matched by

Israel itself through tax in-

come and from other local

resources of revenue. It is a

fact that now, at the end of

the first two years, a total in

cash and subscriptions of

about \$160 million has been

obtained in America, or about

a third of the total, instead of

the two thirds that should al-

ready be in hand. This failure

to maintain the original

schedule has been on occasion

interpreted as a failure of the

Bond issue as a financial ex-

periment, even though the

target was arbitrary, and

would obviously be pegged as

high as reason allowed as a

stimulus to the sale of bonds.

At this moment, when the

decision is due on the float-

ing of a new issue when the

present one runs out next

year, it is worth examining

what the Bonds have achieved

in positive advantages, and

even, perhaps, what feared

damage they have failed to

cause. Over half a century,

Zionism developed a series of

financial instruments, in

which the gift monies of

Karen Kaysen and the Karen

Hayes were paralleled and

supplemented by com-

mmercial and semi-commercial

loans whose servicing became

a permanent and heavy claim

on the gift funds. In the last

years, before 1948, the United

Jewish Appeal of America be-

gan to outstrip previous re-

records to something of the

degree in which American

Jewry outstripped other Jew-

The Week in the Knesset

Protection for Parliament

By GERDA LUFT

THE Knesset is situated in the

heart of New Jerusalem

and is easily accessible to every-

body who cares to apply for a

ticket. The loudspeaker-system

carries the debate far out into

the street and there are gener-

ally listeners outside who

follow the discussions with

quite as much interest as those

inside the House.

The House of Representatives

should be easy of access for

the citizen. But it must also

be free of the emotional or

neurotic pressures of street de-

monstrations. This is the reason

for the law passed some time

ago which forbids demonstra-

tions in the immediate neigh-

bourhood of the Knesset. It was

passed after the appalling ex-

perience of broken windows and

tear-gas and a bitter fight be-

tween police and Herut de-

monstrators which last year

turned the square before the

Knesset building into a battle-

field.

The law will only be of value

however if it is strictly en-

forced. The ugly spectacle of

shrieking women struggling

with police and being drenched

by streams of water from fire

hoses could have and should

have been avoided.

The protection of the Knesset

premises against mob-pres-

sure is indispensable for

regular work in the House and

is not only the task of the

police. Those members of the

Knesset who have political ties

with the organizers of the de-

monstration will have to face

the charge that they encouraged

outside pressure which violates

the law of the House in which

they serve.

Modern Research

Mr. Serlin's speech winding

up the bill on Anatomy and

Pathology was delivered before

an empty House because mem-

bers and guests crowded around

the windows or went out into

the square during the demon-

stration. Mr. Serlin's speech

was sensible and forged another

link in the chain of legal ad-

justments which have to be

for the "separation of church

and state" has to be waged in

every field, and to this

sort of discussion can prob-

ably only be found in those

countries which are still wholly

steeped in religious orthodox

tradition.

The bill for the creation of

a Hebrew Academy is one of

the few draft-proposals which

met with unanimous support in

the House. The proposed Aca-

demcy is supposed to take over

the functions of some Yeshi-

vas, the body of Hebrew

scholars who busied themselves

with adjusting the language to

the requirements of modern

life. Despite unanimous sup-

port for the main task there

were differences of opinion

over details and the draft is

certain to undergo change in

committee. As the members of

the proposed academy will

afterwards name their own

successors on the model of

the French Academy — the

first choice is most important.

Two bills of social importance

were discussed by the House

last week. One deals with the

working conditions of persons

under 18 years of age and

forbids work for children under

14. The bill enlarges existing

regulations and will prevent

child labour. Its enforcement

will not depend on strict su-

pervision only but on social

conditions. Many parents prefer

to send their children to school

instead of putting them to

work at an early age but can-

not afford to do so as they de-

pend on their earnings.

Better Craftsmanship

The artisans bill aims at the

creation of a satisfactory stand-

ard among artisans and is oc-

asionally a timely move. There

was some discussion in the

House who hesitated to endorse

it because in a country of im-

migration, a system of examina-

tions might easily bring about

the closing of the ranks of

"Old-timers" against new-

comers who learned their trade

in other countries. It is one

thing to preserve standards of

craftsmanship and another to

not allow more than a glimpse

into a section of the country

which is unknown territory to

a majority of citizens. The

proposal for an exchange of

population between Israel Arabs

and Jews in Arab countries

(which was put forward re-

cently by a spiritual leader of

the Moslem community in Israel,

Sheikh Tahari) shows that un-

casiness among the Arabs is

more widespread than is gen-

erally thought. Some time ago

the Minister of the Interior

announced the intention of

making Nazareth the capital of

Galilee and thus changing the

status of this Arab district.

Technical difficulties appear to

hold up the move. The numerous

questions put to the Prime

Minister last week show that

the present state of affairs is

causing some uneasiness, and

not only among Arabs.

U.S. Notebook

relative term that does not ne-

cessarily have anything to do

with antiquity, and great concern

is now being expressed over here

that the United States is losing

many of its landmarks of Amer-

ican history are disappearing. A

body called the National Trust

for Historic Preservation has

been formed to do something about

it. On lines similar to those of

the National Trust in Britain, the

famous houses such as George

Washington's home at Mount

Vernon, Abraham Lincoln's home

in Springfield, Illinois, and Thomas

Jefferson's beautiful little

home at Monticello, Virginia — one

of the most perfectly proportioned

small houses in the world — are

all safe as public monuments. It

is the least important buildings

which nevertheless reflect phases

of American life and culture,

which so easily get torn down to

make room for modern buildings

or parking lots. For instance,

the Grand Union Hotel at Saratoga

Spring, with its steam ele-

vators and quarter mile of front

porch, an elegant building which

was the Mecca of smart New

York life in the eighteen-eighties,

was demolished the other day to

make room for a department

store. A beautiful eighteenth-

POLISH "MYSTERY LINER" DOCKS



The 14,000-ton Polish liner "Batory" arrives at Greenwich, Eng-

land, with 600 Scandinavian tourists aboard. Certain visitors

will be allowed to visit the ship during her stay. Her former

captain had asked for political asylum in England after de-

scribing the "Batory" as "a ship of terror." Express Photo

Transatlantic Tourist Move

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON.

THIS is the season of the

tourist. In every

town and village, from Port-

land to Porto Fino, from Dun-

dee to Dan, you will see him

with his wife, recognizable by

his right clothes, his passion

for night-driving and the camera

with a multitude of filters and

light meters slung round his

neck.

One in every three of those

who you see will be a New

Yorker, and the chances are

better than even that he will

come from the Eastern Seaboard

rather than from any-

where else in the country.

Despite the common belief of